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SUBJECT: TRIAL SUMMARY

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1. THE 1967 COUP AND THE TORTURE TRIALS CONTINUE TO PREDOMINATE IN THE GREEK MEDIA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE COURT IS EXPECTED TO RENDER ITS DECISION CONCERNING THE DEFENDANTS IN THE COUP TRIAL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23. ONE INTERESTING SIDELIGHT WAS A PASSAGE IN THE FINAL STATEMENT OF ONE OF THE PROSECUTORS WHERE HE NOTED THAT MANY WITNESSES HAD CHARGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN FOREIGN INFLUENCE INVOLVED IN THE COUP. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT, THIS TRIAL HAD NOT DELVED INTO THOSE ACCUSATIONS BECAUSE THEY FELL BEYOND THE PARAMETERS OF THIS PARTICULAR TRIAL.

2. THE TORTURE TRIAL CONTINUES APACE WITH A PARADE OF WITNESSES RELATING THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCES AT THE HANDS OF THE ACCUSED TORTURERS. AS OPPOSED TO EARLIER TESTIMONY, THE WITNESSES HAVE NOW BEGUN TO SPEAK IN GRAPHIC DETAIL OF INDIVIDUAL TORTURES ALLEGEDLY INFLICTED UPON THEM.

3. OCCASIONAL REFERENCES BY WITNESSES TO THEIR "AMERICAN-  
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TRAINED" TORMENTORS AND RELATEDLY PRESS PLAY APPARENTLY HAVE

TOUCHED A RAW NERVE WITH THE GOG. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ORDER HAS RESPONDED PUBLICLY THAT 17 POLICE OFFICERS HAD INDEED BEEN TRAINED IN AN ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY) WHERE THEY HAD STUDIED SUCH TOPICS AS TRAFFIC CONTROL MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC RELATIONS, RIOT DISPERSAL AND ARCHIVE ORGANIZATION. THE MINISTRY STRESSED THAT THE IDEA OF SENDING THE OFFICERS TO AMERICA HAD ORIGINATED BEFORE THE 1967 COUP AND THAT DURING THE DICTATORSHIP NONE OF THE 17 HAD HELD THE POSITION OF INTERROGATOR, NOR HAD ANY BEEN PROSECUTED AS A TORTURER.  
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